



## News From Congresswoman Hilda L. Solis 32<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District of California

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### **COMMITTEE APPROVES HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION SPENDING BILL**

#### ***Over 16 Million in Funding Included For San Gabriel Valley Projects***

**WASHINGTON, D.C.**-Today, Congresswoman Hilda L. Solis (CA-32) announced that the House Transportation Committee approved a highway transit and transportation reauthorization bill which includes many local projects she requested (The Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users”).

The local projects that are slated to receive funding include:

#### **Azusa:**

- **\$500,000** to install new pavement on Azusa Avenue between Ninth and Sierra Madre and San Gabriel Avenue between Foothill and Sierra Madre in Azusa
- **\$2.5 million** to convert existing one way traffic patterns to two way traffic on northbound Azusa Avenue and southbound San Gabriel Avenue, for medians, signals and further redevelopment for old downtown

#### **Baldwin Park:**

- **\$375,000** to widen Maine Avenue in Baldwin Park
- **\$2 million** to build a parking structure next to the Metrolink station in the Baldwin Park central business district and provide access to the Metrolink facility, business district and the Civic Center in Baldwin Park

#### **Covina:**

- **\$215,000** to develop a master plan to improve efficiency of transportation facilities, coordinate public and private property development and make parking and pedestrian improvements in Covina
- **\$500,000** to build sidewalks, street banners, lighting, greening and crosswalks in high pedestrian areas in downtown Covina

#### **El Monte:**

- **\$700,000** to build a second left turn lane at the intersection of State Route 19 (Rosemead Boulevard) and Telstar Avenue to accommodate higher traffic flow, aid growth and development of new retail shops
- **\$750,000** to reconstruct storm drains on Valley Boulevard to resolve the drainage problem

#### **Irwindale:**

- **\$2 million** to complete the construction of interchanges at I-605 and improve the flow of goods from the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach and improve access to Santa Fe Dam in Irwindale

#### **Los Angeles:**

- **\$790,000** to renovate the intermodal transit center on the campus of California State University Los Angeles to accommodate additional buses and shuttles in Los Angeles

#### **Monterey Park:**

- **\$1.6 million** for the East Los Angeles/Collegian Busway Improvement Project to improve safety at bus stops including the creation of bus loading zones and street improvements in Monterey Park
- **\$375,000** to install catch basins at major bus stops to help the city meet restrictions on the amount of trash allowed in the sewage system in Monterey Park

**Southern California Regional Rail:**

- **\$1,750,000** to provide parking and electronic sign improvements at stops in Covina, El Monte & Baldwin Park

**West Covina:**

- **\$1.25 million** to make structural improvements to the intersection of Azusa and Amar-ranked one of the worst in Los Angeles County
- **\$750,000** for construction improvements at the intersection of Vincent and Lakes Drive to reduce congestion

“Since committee approval is the first step, I am very pleased that I was able to secure these much needed transportation funds. My office has been working very closely on these important projects with all the cities to reduce congestion, improve safety, and increase business opportunities in our area,” said Congresswoman Solis.

For the highway transit and transportation reauthorization bill to become law, it must be considered in the U.S. House and U.S. Senate and be signed by the President. The bill is expected to be considered by the House next week.

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